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NOTE: FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1974 NORTHERN UFO NEWS HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY DELAYED.THERE WERE MANY REASONS,SOME OF WHICH I AM NOT AT LIBERTY TO DISCUSS.I CAN ONLY APOLOGISE,I WISH I COULD PROMISE THAT THINGS WILL IMPROVE WITH THE NEXT ISSUE.I CANNOT.THERE EVEN REMAINS A CHANCE NUN WILL NOT APPEAR AGAIN,AT LEAST UNDER MY EDITORSHIP,HOPEFULLY,THINGS WILL RESOLVE AND NUN WILL CARRY ON. IF THE WORST COMES ,THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT AND I WILL EXPLAIN WHAT I CAN. ALL EXCESS SUBS WOULD BE REFUNDED.IT IS UFOLOGICAL,BUT NOT MIB,I ASSURE YOU!

J.R. Comments... One of the good reasons why this issue has been so long in coming concerns the volume of work I have been involved with for the ITV 'Telethon' charity marathon on 29/30 May (Check out page 16 for details).But it had a side effect that was highly disturbing and needs putting straight.

Working with Granada TV saw me film a promotional item for the 'Telethon' fund raiser.Here I was advised that for the UFO events under discussion I should contact a Warrington publicity and promotions company known as 'Skys the Limit',owned by millionaire Andy Egan.

The company has been involved in the promotion of the International Garden Festivals and specialises in airborne advertising of unusual kinds,such as balloons,laser shows, kite displays etc.Whilst they have a role in the 'Telethon' scheme they had opted out of their original contract to support the charity marathon for reasons not to be gone into here.

In fact I knew the company and Andy Egan.My father,before having to retire due to serious illness and disability a year ago,worked for Andy's father as the book-keeper in his tool hire company.Andy started up his agency a couple of years ago and whilst establishing himself into the status he now has,my father doubled his workload to handle the 'Skys the Limit' books for him.

Although I did not know Andy well (I only met him a couple of times when visiting my father at the office) he certainly knew of my UFO involvement.

In view of all this I followed the ITV suggestion and made an appointment to see Andy at his Warrington office on 29 March.Peter Hough of MUFORA came with me so we could evaluate whatever ideas there might be for the 'Telethon'.

In fact it was not a particularly helpful meeting in that regard.Andy seems to 'think big' on all things and proposed all manner of designs,offering some 'support' but suggesting that we would need to find a sponsor to pay the costs.We had just a couple of weeks to do it to give him the time needed to build his 'UFO'.It would be 'easy', he advised.All we needed was a £5000 backer! As the event was about MAKING money for charity,not spending it,there was no real way we could contemplate securing such sums for a glorified light show.

However,the visit to his office had a curious aside to it.Andy Egan announced that one of his employees,name of Jacqueline,had been desperately keen to speak to us when she knew we were coming in,because she had undergone a strange experience the preceeding Tuesday (22 March)- coincidentally the day I made the appointment to visit 'Sky's the Limit'.

According to the story we were then given,Jacqueline had been driving her car on the sliproad to the M56 (Chester to Warrington) motorway,traveling home from Liverpool,at about 11.30 pm, when she suddenly without warning found herself further along the sliproad (just a few yards away) staring at the clock on the dashboard and confused as to why it was so wrong.It said 6am! When she checked and found it accurate and got out to inspect the scene she discovered that both herself and the car were covered in mud from an unknown source.

There was no reference to a UFO of any description, but obvious 'abduction' elements in the story,if you look at it in such a way.

Jacqueline had supposedly been to see her doctor on Wednesday,23 March,and he had IMMEDIATELY made an appointment for her to see a specialist ("Someone

who knows about these things" was how Andy put it).This was on Friday,25 March,remarkably fast by our understanding of the British medical system.

She had been into work on those three days,was looking forward to our visit and chatting to us, but had simply not showed up on the Monday,or by the time we were present, on the Tuesday either.She had not called in to apologise.

Andy Egan seemed concerned.Whilst the many coincidental circumstances of this situation did not escape either Peter or myself and,when we discussed it afterwards,were less than wholly convinced ,there was no doubt of something VERY curious.The incident had allegedly occurred at Daresbury,a tiny village just outside Warrington.It is famous for just one thing (aside from a nuclear establishment in nearby fields). It was here where Lewis Carroll wrote the first account of a young girl being 'abducted' into a strange alien realm;the classic children's story *Alice in Wonderland*.

Of course,most folk in Warrington know that Alice statues and the like dominate the shopping centre.What only Peter and I knew was that Daresbury had generated an almost identical case from a witness to a good UFO sighting MUFORA had just investigated.That man had been driving past the tiny village when his engine malfunctioned (as it had on several previous occasions) and then suddenly, inexplicably,he was in Preston,40 miles away and two hours later.

The case,an impressive one which is still being worked on,is described in my book 'Abduction',but not even advanced copies were then available for Andy to have known about it.We were naturally astonished,especially as Jacqueline claimed she had phoned a friend at the nuclear fuels building to ask if they were 'up to anything' and was allegedly told,totally off the record,that they had received several OTHER reports of the same thing happening to cars in the area.

Of course,we realised that Andy Egan MIGHT have known the Stockport witness to the other case,who had been in the building trade.But the incident had taken place 15 years ago and had certainly never been publicly reported.

Peter Hough and I said NOTHING about our knowledge of Daresbury in previous cases,and it is telling that despite later events,nobody else seems to have been aware of this link either.It was certainly never published.This is the one truly puzzling aspect of this affair,so far as Peter and I understand it.

We were sufficiently interested to respond to Andy Egan's suggestion that we try to speak to Jacqueline.By this we thought he meant that when she came back to work he would give her our details.However,Andy staggered us by bringing out her personal file and photocopying it,saying 'take this and try and find her for us'. We both protested that this was rather unethical,particularly when we learnt she had only been employed a couple of weeks, but he insisted.They had called her home (in Wilmslow,Cheshire) and she was simply not answering. The small Skys the Limit staff (of about half a dozen) were reputedly worried.

Reluctantly,we took the details and I made some discrete enquiries.Within two days I had resolved most of the problems.I had learnt,for instance,that Jacqueline had prior problems and a black out could have a perfectly reasonable explanation.That she had bought a new house in Warrington to be near her mother who was in a nursing home in the town.This was why she had left her very respectable job in Wilmslow (her references were excellent).Indeed she had literally moved into that house on Monday,28 March,the first day she was off work- providing a genuine excuse,if not a reason why she told nobody of her intended absence.Other factors surfaced I cannot go into here, but I spoke to someone she was with on Tuesday,29 March,the very day Andy Egan put Peter and I onto the case.She had been completely happy and well.I mentioned to nobody the alleged 'experience' (merely saying that I was phoning on behalf of her work because people were worried that she had not come in and was out of contact).

All in all I found precisely NO evidence to suspect an abduction,or that the girl was 'hiding' or 'afraid the aliens might come back'.

Jacqueline was not on the phone at her new address (which I had) but I wrote her a letter and asked her to call me. On Friday, 8 April, I even arranged to do the weekly shopping in Warrington and call on her. She was out but from the boxes and crates visible, still in the process of 'moving in'. I left another note through her door because I wanted to warn of something that had happened the previous day (my reason for making this 50 mile detour).

This event stemmed from my reporting back to Andy Egan on Tuesday, 5 April, exactly one week after Peter and I had visited him. He professed to still be worried as Jacqueline had not got in touch, but I gave him all the information I had gathered (including confidential material I will not reproduce). As I told him categorically, there was no evidence whatsoever that the girl had been frightened by her experience and was hiding. Also there was reason to suspect a prosaic explanation for the blackout. I again did NOT mention the Daresbury factor.

Two days later (on Thursday, 7 April) I received a call from a woman who said she was a friend of Andy's and worked for some Manchester promotions agency. Andy had given her my ex-directory phone number without asking or telling me, because, she said, I was hunting for the 'woman in hiding from the aliens'.

Again I denied this and repeated all but the confidential data and made crystal clear that there was no mystery. I knew exactly where Jacqueline was and she was perfectly okay. I also advised, as Andy had told me on the Tuesday, that far from being the concerned boss, he had in fact already 'replaced' her!

She said that Andy wanted to do a story on the search and I told her that this was grossly unfair, considering the fact that neither she nor I had spoken with Jacqueline to secure her approval for any publicity. What I knew made me suspect she would NOT approve and I would not sanction a story without consent. I refused to even give her personal details, but it was clear this woman had 'all she needed' from Andy (presumably another copy of the personnel file!).

My final advice to this 'promoter' was to leave it be and call me back in a week (Thursday, 14 April) during which time I would go out of my way to speak to 'the girl' and see if she wanted to talk to this agency. If she did, then I would make arrangements. I had no intention of talking to any media source, I advised her. If Jacqueline refused to speak to this woman, then that was to be it. The woman assured me this was all perfectly acceptable and, as mentioned above, the very next day I went 50 miles to visit Jacqueline's house in Warrington to try to see her.

Under no circumstances at any time did I even hint that the odd claim of Jacqueline 'hiding in fear' might be true, because frankly the evidence in my possession was directly opposed to that view. I insisted to the woman that in my opinion there was not even a story to tell. She appeared to accept my subdued comments. At no point did she advise that she WAS writing a press release.

You may decide for yourselves on the motives of people involved in this saga, but I heard nothing further from anybody until opening the *Sunday People* on 10 April and to my horror saw a large unattributed story billed "EXCLUSIVE" and headlined "Green men from space put Jackie to flight". This absurd bilge was a montage of lies and distortions and disgraceful, shabby journalism from beginning to end.

It reported how "A UFO investigator has been called in by a boss whose secretary has vanished" after claiming "a terrifying extra-terrestrial experience". It went on to name her, give her new Warrington address, even divulge details of her finances, and in the process promote 'Skys the Limit' and Andy Egan 'the millionaire'. There was no mention of how her job had been 'replaced'. A police inspector Colin Grantham was also quoted as calling it "Baffling" and that the Cheshire police doing "everything we can to find her".

I was quoted as saying "The blue dots are a classic sign of alien presence. Jackie may be hiding somewhere in fear. Every word in that quote is a phoney. I never contemplated she was hiding in fear, because I knew exactly where she was and she was positively not afraid. Also, the blue dots statement is

fascinating. Seeing in print these words of mine was the first Peter or I had ever heard of so called mystery blue dots! We were told only of mud.

Immediately I read the story I called Inspector Grantham to warn him that something fishy was going on and advise him not to waste police manpower on a pointless search. He, too, had no idea he was being quoted in a newspaper story that nobody had told HIM was coming. He categorically assured me that the quote attributed to him was false. The police had quickly worked out the people behind the story and their motives. In fact, Jacqueline had been reported missing on the day before, Saturday 9 April. A patrol car had gone to her Warrington address. It took five minutes. She was there and perfectly okay, of course. End of search!!! On the day before, when I visited, she had merely been out. Inspector Grantham advised her not to contact me and to forget the whole thing. Like me he had discovered (from the girl herself) that there were simple mundane explanations.

None of which stopped THREE other newspapers (who never once talked with Inspector Grantham or I) featuring the matter on Monday, 11 April. *The Star* said "Jackie may be on run from aliens" and quoted me as suggesting that the aliens might come back for her. Another stupid lie. Today in "Aliens woman missing" added that a 'green man' had supposedly got into her car (!) which was 'whisked into the air' (!!!) and added more spurious, misleading nonsense. A 'Sun reporter' (another who presumably talked to my doppelganger to get phantom 'quotes') repeated the 'exclusive' in 'Riddle of lost girl in kidnap by UFO'.

As my book "Abduction" was actually published that week, all this national press attention should have been a Godsend. I could have easily had a field day had I wanted. Doubtless many people thought this was a stunt cooked up by me or my publishers. So appalled was I at this flagrant abuse of a witness (and of myself) that I simply refused to have anything more to do with the shabby farce.

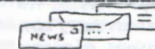
Incredibly, Andy Egan then had the audacity to claim in the *Sun* (12 April) "Missing UFO girl is back" - making me and the police look like fools and gaining himself the credit for finding her safe and well!

I have dwelt on this saga for many reasons. It is, of course, highly illustrative of the way our subject is scandalously treated by the media. It is also an object lesson in how people can use your serious interest and intentions to their own ends. And it is one (of many factors) that have made me question my involvement in the UFO field. What is the point of struggling to be taken as serious, sincere and restrained in what you say, when you can be treated like dirt by a British press so out of control it can publish lies and propaganda as truth and get away with it...destroying honest people in the process.

It was VERY important that UFO researchers around the world who think Britain has a major abduction case in hand, because I 'said so', should see the facts behind this farrago before wasting any time or space on it.

A copy of this issue is also being sent by me to the Press Council, who will probably be unable to do a thing about it, but should at least hear the story.

NEWS ROUND-UP:



:: Sad news to report is the apparent demise of APRO. The oldest of the three US super groups suffered the tragic loss of Jim Lorenzon last year. Now wife Coral is too ill to continue. But it is nice to reflect on the good days.

:: New subscriber Ben Ferner writes for help for a booklet he is compiling on strange events in and around York. If you can assist in any way contact him at 4 Wentworth Rd York YO2 1DG Tel:- 0904-34099

:: Finally, a strange letter from a (real) American in Florida who advises he can "fully explain the workings of an 'Adamski' type UFO". NASA wrote back telling him they have "insufficient funds" to build one for him. Now he wants to "tell the world" via NUN and then a book. His name, believe it or not, is A. Corker. (Honest!!)

FOR YOUR PERUSAL:-

Major articles elsewhere

As BUFORA is about to launch its new journal "UFO World" (wonder where they got THAT title from!) the Americans have to go one better. Global Communications of New York, under the editorship of Tim Beckley, are about to hit the newsstands with "UFO Universe". Issue 1 (July) is due in the shops any day now- and WILL retail in UK newsagents at £1.75 per copy. From the cover it looks like a cross between the (lamented?) "Official UFO", the National Enquirer and the Beano. Hopefully the content within will be better. Stay tuned.

Welcome back Kevin McClure, erstwhile editor of the much missed "Common Ground". He cannot kick the habit and is to relaunch his armageddon style "End Times Bulletin", two or three times a year from the autumn. If you are into the 'fall of man' then write to:- 20 Trembear Rd St Austell Cornwall PL25 5NY

UFO BRIGANTIA (£7, six issues, 84 Elland Rd, Brighouse, West Yorks HD6 2QR)
Jan/Feb... Includes free colour print of the Peter Beard photo and full report on this infuriating case (see last NUN), also David Clarke on earthlights and Eric Morris damaging/destroying a new YUFOS twist on the Rendlesham 'Sky Crash'.
Mar/Apr... David Rees resurfaces! Regina Cullen on the Kenneth Arnold case JR on disinformation and MJ-12... plus lots of sighting reviews as usual.

NUFORC NEWS (No price quoted:- 30 Stonebridge Ct Lings Northampton NN3 4LY)
Still that awful type that looks like a drunken spider was sick over the page, but a fascinating Feb 1988 issue on the spate of 'Silent Vulcan' cases in the east midlands and their almost certain link with F-19 'Stealth' test flights.

MAGONIA Apr 1988 (£3, four issues, 5 James Terrace, London SW14 8HB)
Important for ex MoD department head Ralph Noyes discussing MJ-12, also Martin Kottmeyer on the creativity of abductees, Smashing editorial too, claiming "Magonia editor in alien banking horror". They even held a conference on 1 May, which I could not report to you as, sadly, Magonia failed to tell us it was happening!

IUR Nov/Dec (\$35, US, 6 issues, 2457 W Peterson, Chicago, IL 60659 USA)
As usual another good issue, focused on cases this time... including Chris Riutkowski on what went wrong in the Steve Michalak CE2, a new radar-visual from Wisconsin, Eddie Bullard on the new Klass demolition act on abductions, Dr Michael Swords on the question of parallel universes... and more. Quality stuff these days.

MUFON Journal (\$30, US, 12 issues, 103 Oldtowne Rd, Seguin, TX 78155-4099, USA)
It is so nice to find the other major US magazine also fast improving and at 24pp now excellent value for money too. January... a Hessdalen special, largely compiled by Philip Mantle, includes computer assessment of some of the photos from Scandinavia... February... An abduction special, and you couldn't really ask for more, including pieces by Eddie Bullard, Budd Hopkins, David Jacobs, Mark Moravec (Australia cases) and the paper I gave to the 1987 Washington conference on British abductions... March... Mostly a heavily illustrated article on the Gulf Breeze, Florida case, which made the UK press recently. A CE 3 with multiple (to me very suspect looking) photographs of UFOs. Really first rate issues.

BOOKS OF THE MOMENT:

MAJOR UFO WAVES; 1896- 1982:- POSTMORTEM AND FINDINGS By Ahmad Jamaludin
(No price) Write:- Makmal Diagnostika, Jabatan Haiwan 25100 Kuantan, Pahang MALAYSIA

Ahmad is the best known Far East ufologist... well the ONLY one I know! His work has been published in UK journals before and is excellent. Here he provides a lavishly documented 138pp book, profusely illustrated with maps, charts, graphs etc.

For the obsessive statistician this is a goldmine. What he has done is taken all the major UFO waves everywhere in the world, compiled a catalogue of their essential details (peaks, durations, epicentres, incidence of different types of case etc) and then cooked up wonderful maps and theories based upon them.

Swirling lines and 'wave tracks' abound, as do predictions about when and where waves will happen into the 1990's. It is all really good fun, and I am sure there is valuable information in here. But I have to say (from personal experience as much as anything) I think it's too easy to read things into jumbles of UFO data that cannot be justified by the evidence.

Take his 1967 and 1977 British data. He seems to have used as his sources FSR only and articles by Tony Pace of BUFORA, who happened to live in Staffordshire. From this we are told that the wave in 1967 was IN Staffordshire and the 1977 one, in Feb/Mar in South Wales (where there was a lot of media attention). The Pennines (with hundreds of cases) don't get a look in at all!

The problem is that sources used (active regional investigators, newspaper interest, books and magazines that were consulted whilst others were not) BIAS the sample so much it is hopeless trying to track waves from such a misleading and incomplete picture. Also, of course, 90 % of the reports in the wave data used MUST be IFOS, not UFOs. What does that do to the results?

However, a brave try, wonderfully presented, and ESSENTIAL if you want access to data on the when, where and how of major global UFO waves.

UPDATES: THE MUNDRABILLA ENCOUNTER

I am really grateful to Keith Basterfield, Vladimir and Pony Godic, Ray Brooke and others of UFO Research Australia for the supply of very detailed reports on this incident which took the UK press by storm in January. I can only scratch the surface of all their hard work here and more details are bound to follow.

A brief account appeared in the last NUN editorial. Here is the latest news.
The Knowles family in their Ford were on the Eyre Highway between Perth and Adelaide, crossing the southern Nullarbor Plain (heavy with kangaroo). It was dark, just before 5am on 20 January 1988. At least three other vehicles were involved, one of which was a car & caravan heading west (according to the Knowles the occupants SHOULD have had a spectacular view as they nearly collided whilst swerving to avoid the UFO!). This is still untraced. The other two were trucks, sandwiching the Knowles Ford and (like it) heading east. They were well scattered across about 10 miles of road. 'Porky' De Jong and a woman named Anne, driving the truck west of the Knowles, have been interviewed by UFORA. The other truck driver (east of them) has not; although he is a colleague of De Jong's. He supposedly saw a light, but nothing spectacular. Porky and Anne saw nothing, but did pass the Knowles in a distressed state, did stop in Mundrabilla moments after the encounter and see the terrified family and examine their vehicle and did return to the site with the police, finding evidence that the family had got out to change a tyre (as their story alleges) but no evidence of a UFO or any landing.

Essentially, the Knowles claim that a big white light appeared ahead of them, due east, then took off behind them after a car that passed heading west. They were then suddenly persuaded themselves by the thing (like an egg) that came right on top of the car and was directly above and out of sight. Mrs Knowles opened the window, put her hand out and touched a spongy substance. The driver, Sean, shot off at such speed to escape the 'UFO' that he lost control and burst a tyre. There were claims that the UFO dented the car top, left black ash all over, created a red rash on the hand Mrs Knowles stuck out, left a foul odour in the car, caused their

voices to change pitch and slow to a drawl as it hovered above. But there were no reports of electrical or magnetic effects and radiation checks on the car later showed nothing above background counts.

Of these things, Porky and Anne confirmed the mark on Mrs Knowle's hand and a 'Bakelite' smell in the car, but saw no black ash (only normal desert road dust). The four dents are certainly present and look like fist punches.

The Knowles were intercepted by a TV station who 'signed them up'. The car was bought by an entrepreneur who is also acting as their agent and taking the vehicle on a tour of Australia, charging for people to see it! A sign "Beware- UFOs next 111 kms" now adorns the area! But UFOFA, under TV supervision, spoke to the family the next day and found them afraid, yet not obviously hoaxing.

Several analyses of the 'ash' have revealed it to be nothing but worn brake lining and ordinary dust. However, the dents (if caused by the UFO) and the egg shaped light seen (if accurately reported) remain a mystery. The idea that a storm or pressure system rocked the car and caused the changes in voice is being considered. Certainly the current view of UFO investigators appears to be a relatively low level sighting in the first place, over-reaction and hysteria from the witnesses, with a number of real plus some spurious, effects thrown in. The media circus then built the case into something far bigger than it was.

Reports of fishermen off the coast who were allegedly involved will be crucial. But at present this case looks to be 'interesting', but very far from the 'greatest case of all time' that the British media told us all about.

MEDIA MATTERS:-

A look at UFOs in the public eye

British press cuttings for the period January to April stand at over 460! That is half as many again as for almost every FULL year in the past decade. We really are in UFO mania times. So this can only be a very short survey.

I will skip quickly over the dreadful double page spreads with ludicrous illustrations in the DAILY STAR (29 Feb, 1 & 2 Mar), ostensibly 'adaptations' of my book "Abduction". More important was the piece I DID write myself for THE GUARDIAN (17 Feb), "Flying Saucers are not a mug's game" (not my title- that was much more Guardian-and better!- 'The social effects of a close encounter'). This article was a breakthrough. To be allowed 1000 words to write about REAL ufology in the serious press. Of course, the STAR soon put paid to what good it did!

Still, with Peter Hough writing a five part series in CELEBRITY (28 Jan to 25 Feb) and my piece on abductions in the June SHE (which they originally wanted to call- 'Have YOU had a space baby?' (!!!!)) the subject is retaining its visibility, if not always its credibility.

Even NEW SCIENTIST went mad (10 March) featuring a scathing piece by UFOFON Journal editor Dennis Stacy on Klass's anti-abduction polemic. Stewart Campbell on another of his crusades (against ball lightning specialist Mark Stenhoff) and also (wonders NEVER cease!) a modestly favourable review of the paperback of 'The UFO Conspiracy'. Must be something wrong if NS liked it!

All of which helped contribute to some nice publicity for the two conferences in Yorkshire (YUFOS, Rotherham, IVN, Sheffield), coincidentally on the same date. It is interesting to contrast press treatment.

YUFOS, with Tim Good smiling warmly and holding a copy of 'Above Top Secret' for the camera in one, and another 'Nazis blamed for UFOs' (YORKSHIRE PRESS, 25 March) where the latest YUFOS saga is about the earth-made Nazi originated UFOs flying about the county. Meanwhile the "Mystery of the Pennines" event brought (SHEFFIELD STAR, 23 March) a smashing piece "Technology's Angels" which quoted at length from my Guardian article on sensible themes... So there's still hope!!!



BRIEF CASES:-

Some current investigations



Case 77-345 MUFORA August 1977 Chorley, Lancashire (C 3-7)

Witness J, who wishes anonymity, still serves as a police sergeant. At the time an illegal rock concert was being held in the Chinese Gardens of Lever Park, below Rivington Pike, one of the Pennine's westerly outposts. Extra police had been drafted in to deal with expected trouble, but there was none. J and another officer were sent to get the orders of fish & chips for the total of about 24 police whilst the rest watched the concert. Upon return, between 21.00 and 22.00 on a fine dark, summer's night with stars, J saw a bright silver oval (not much bigger than a star) over the Pike to the SE. During the next 10 minutes most of the police saw it. It remained stationary and did not pulse. They discussed options (stars, hovering helicopter and even an hallucination from the 'pot' drifting in the breeze!). Then the object literally 'shrank' away to a point and vanished without moving laterally. Its speed was "fantastic". A collective decision was taken NOT to file a report... Whilst we have no exact date MUFORA believe this may well have been Venus (visible at the time) seen through thin veiled cloud.

Case 77-346 NUFORC August 1977 Solihull, West Midlands (C 4-4)

Witness C (then aged 29 and a hairdresser) was in a car with two unknown men heading towards Birmingham Airport (about 3 miles away). Suddenly a huge pink mass "like candy floss" rose from trees to the left (south) and crossed the road, climbing as it went. It was the size of a house and roughly oval. It was in view a couple of minutes and they tried to accelerate to chase it as it moved to the right (over the Airport). The car allegedly refused to accelerate until it was too late and the object had gone. Is the airport connection a clue?

Case 80-101 NUFORC Oct/Nov 1980 Higham Ferrers, Northants (C 3-4)

Witness aged 21 and leather worker, walking home, 23.00 hrs, saw yellow/orange pulsing light come from north and hover. Two steady orange LITS approached from west and 'merged' with the first. The now combined blob moved off south and vanished in about 5-10 minutes. In November 1980 there was a UFO wave AND a major NATO exercise and this could have been helicopter traffic as part of that.

Case 8261 MUFORA November 1982 Cleethorpes, Humberside (D 6-3)

Very promising but sadly the witness failed to respond to letters or an RI so we were unable to follow up. According to the original letter, Mrs O was up late (01.30, Sunday) after watching a film. Going into the kitchen to make some tea she noticed how light it was outside. The moon was bright (suggesting the date to be Sunday, 31 October or 28 November). Yet outside seemed lighter than inside. She went to look and heard a low humming coming from above. Directly over the house was a huge disc, about 50 feet in diameter, tilted so that the bottom was obscured. She felt calm but paralysed. Also a sensation that she was being watched. It then began to rock from side to side and move in a circle. All she could tell was that there was a dome above it, with brilliantly lit windows around the rim in a ring. "Searchlight beams" of orange and white light came from the base, projected away from her and illuminating the ground as bright as day. She ran in hysterical and brought Mr O outside. It had gone. It took days for her to calm down and she was convinced she was having a breakdown. A year later she developed Parkinson's Disease. Her GP said its cause was likely "a severe shock to the nervous system".

Case 8339 MUFORA February 1983 Shrewsbury, Shropshire (C 3-5)

An entire family (mother, stepfather, two teenage boys and 9 year old girl) returning home at 17.00 hrs when they saw three white LITS in line ("like aircraft coming into land" - ie bright central one, two dimmer ones either side). Approached traffic lights and it remained stationary in WNW. Then vanished. Reported to local police and RAF and told there were "other reports" but no exercises on. One witness said it looked like a plane, but "if it had been an aircraft it would have crashed".

Doctor spots UFO over Peaks

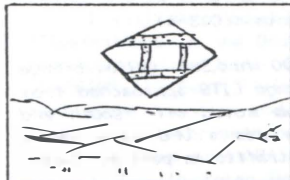
Case 8340 NUFORC 9 April 1983 Torside Clough, near Glossop, Derbys (C 4-7)

A doctor and his wife were out walking the peaks at 13.00 on a bright day. To the north they spotted a reflection that at first they took to be a car on the distant A 628 road. Then they realised it was above the ground, moving south east across their path and Sykes Moor and rising slowly as it did so. It was pear shaped ("like a balloon") and reflecting the sun in flashes as if rotating. After about 3 minutes of silent steady flight it climbed out of view to the east. Ernie Still has provided a detailed report (exact OS Ref of witnesses 080965) and the area matches other cases (eg the Howden reservoir case in "Phenomenon" is VERY nearby... and the famous August 1975 Wessenden Head case just to the north). Since silvered weather balloons CAN drift the hill currents a reasonable bet, given witness descriptions, is that this is exactly what they saw.

The Diamond returns to Darwen

Case 8548 IUN 30 October 1985 Darwen, Lancashire (A 6-6)

For some years now a strange, diamond or triangular object has plagued Britain. There have been many reports in the East Midlands of what is often called 'the silent Vulcan', owing to its shape, enormous bulk, metallic looking construction and



amazing silent flight. Speculation about F-19 'Stealth' exercises have been rife. The problem is that these cases have been around a long time. In the last few days of October and first of November 1978 there were reports in Lancashire and Cheshire. I recently wrote them up for IUR in America. A huge ribbed diamond shape was one, seen at just after 19.30 on a Wednesday (November 1). I recall it well because I saw it (very

briefly) whilst trying to watch Coronation Street. It would be safe to say that this case got no publicity outside NUN at the time and IUR recently. Now, however, Darwen, scene of many interesting recent reports, provides an amazing rerun on a Wednesday just after 19.30 hrs! Indeed, according to the letter sent by witness Mrs H (a cook) it was the last Wednesday in October (ie the 30th) (my birthday, as it happens... maybe somebody was trying to tell us something!!) Before playing darts she took a drive and saw two "headlights" in the sky. Interested and thinking it likely a helicopter, she stopped, opened the car doors and watched it silently drift over south (from Winter Hill) heading north. The only other witness to come to the fairly isolated spot during the 8 minute duration was a young boy on a bike, who took one look and fled! The thing passed over, enormous - bigger than a tennis ball at arms length - and flying so slow and quiet. She put her car headlights out so as not to be attracted to it. As with many other witnesses of this thing she commented on how it was so big and lumbering it was astonishing it did not fall from the sky. Underneath a cross shape of round 'studs' were visible (again common). Perhaps there is some sort of secret military airship project? Follow up investigation here by Rodney Howarth and Philip Mantle.

Case 8653 MUFORA July 1986 Morecambe, Lancashire (C 4-5)

Witness R is a property repairer. On a warm sunny Saturday, about 23.30, he was in the garden with his two neighbours (in their fifties) when a bright steady white light appeared over Morecambe Bay. It moved slowly on a west to east course above the Heysham nuclear power station. Both the neighbours and he got binoculars but it only appeared as a light, but then "to our astonishment" three 'projectiles' shot from it. These went in differing directions (north west, south west and south east). Free of these the thing accelerated suddenly and shot off over the Trough of Bowland "like a meteor". Total duration about 4 minutes. R called the local paper ("who thought I was a fruitcake") but they published an anonymous account of his story the next week. No obvious conclusion to this one... But just LITS.

Case 8654 MUFORA 31 October 1986 Newcastle-U-Lyme, Staffs (C 3-4)

Claire, aged 14, and three other teenagers (two boys and a girl) were out on Halloween at 22.33 hrs. Suddenly a red ball (size of tennis ball at arms length) appeared in the sky. It made a crackling/fizzing noise. It shot across the sky and was in view about 10 seconds before just vanishing... A meteor might be an option but for the sound. Ball lightning is possible (it was a clear, cold night). But as it was just five days before Bonfire night it could also have been a rocket perhaps being used in a Halloween party celebration.

Case 8732 SPI February 1987 Elderslie, Nr Paisley, Scotland (C 3-3)

Two teenage boys crossing the golf course decided to have a skywatch because of their fascination for UFOs. At 19.45, as they were about to return home, they spotted a triangle of red lights in the NW that was circling 'round the moon'. It appears not to have moved a great deal. It simply "disappeared in mid flight". The investigation by Malcolm Robinson revealed that aircraft into Glasgow airport circle the area and one of these had to be a candidate. Also Stuart Campbell advised that Mars (the red planet) was prominent in the sky just north of west.

Case 8736 LUF0IC 17 September 1987 Barrow-Upon-Soar, Leicestershire (A 1-8)

Mrs J, a young mother, who used to work with Kevin McClure at the DHSS, had put her baby to bed at 18.00 when she saw a steady yellow/white light similar to an aircraft. It moved from NE to NW, and was NOT on the regular flightpaths to or from East Midlands airport (which she is used to). There was also no sound. Clive Potter, who investigated, thinks it might have been an aircraft.

A triangular CLOSE encounter

Case 8738 MUFORA/LUF0IC 22 September 1987 Abbots Bromley, Staffs (C 6-6)

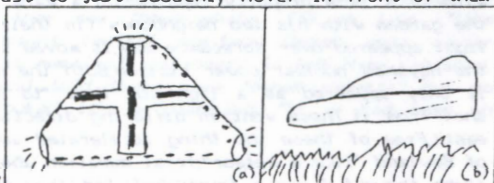
IUN have the date of this dramatic case recorded as 29 September, but that is INCORRECT. The witnesses wrote to BUFORA describing it on 24 September and clearly record the date as shown above. A more detailed local follow up by Clive Potter is occurring, since this seems at first sight to be a classic.

In one car were Mr and Mrs G, their 21 year old son Dominic and his teenage friend, Stephen. They were returning on the road from Walsall to Uttoxeter on quiet country lanes just north of Abbots Bromley beside Bagot Forest. A number of other vehicles were on the road, but despite much effort nobody else has reported it. Mrs G claims to know people who saw it but who are afraid of being laughed at.

The time is recorded as exactly 22.18 hrs. They had just rounded a corner into a dip when Mr G said "what the hell's that!" According to the two boys it shot at amazing speed from some distance east to just suddenly hover in front of them,

covering such a huge expanse of sky that it made them feel like a group of miniatures. Mr G said it was like "a scene from Steven Spielberg" and they all talk of being "mesmerised" and of an "excited feeling" in the car. It was estimated as just 20 ft above the car, hanging above the tree line.

"I couldn't believe my eyes", said Mrs G. It was triangular with a white strobe on each apex. Inside were multiple lights (at least 20-30) that were "blues, greens, reds and golds... the colours were very vivid and neon like. They pulsed all the time... but the white strobe/spotlights at the corners stayed on constantly". The car was drawn by this thing as it sailed, slowly and gracefully and in total silence, right over the top of them. A cross of red strip lights were now visible in the centre, and as they passed under they realised they were seeing the base of the craft. It was now banking and showing a side elevation as in sketch (b). The final view they all had was of just a red cigar vertical in the sky (presumably part of the cross). Dominic says he watched for a few more seconds as they drove past and it shot straight up into the air. Such was their excitement that they nearly hit an untraced oncoming car. Mr G says, "It was a very clear night. There is absolutely no way it was a plane". Dominic says it was a "marvellous, indescribable experience" and Mrs G "It was a wonderful sight to see, and I wish I could have got my husband to stop". She says she felt afterwards as if "my whole body had been electrified". No other effects on people or car are known about at this point.



Doubtless we shall have more on this fascinating case in due course. It seems to be our old friend the 'silent vulcan', RAF Alconbury (home of the alleged F-19 fleet) is not many miles south east. The side elevation depicted by the witnesses is almost EXACTLY how an F-19 is supposed to appear. But if Stealth CAN behave in the way the G family describe this UFO- the Russians must be sweating cobs!

Case 8723 MUFORA 21 November 1987 Accrington, Lancashire (C 2-4)

It began with a series of press reports, "UFO puzzle of the northern lights" (*Bolton Evening News*, 26 Nov). "A strange green light" was said to be haunting the skies to the north. It was "pencil-thin" and "flickers on for several seconds at regular three/four minute intervals". Seen in the direction of Blackburn and Darwen it puzzled Blackrod councilor Graham Farrington and there was media speculation about its link with Rivington Pike (see the August 1977 sighting there) "which UFO watchers insist is a prime landing site for extra terrestrials" (sic). Meanwhile we had a first hand account from NUN reader Ray Broderick of Clayton-Le-Moors, near Accrington. At 16.45 on the above date he saw a white beam of light projected onto cloud to the south near Helmsore. A red and black oval stood at the top of the beam below the cloud base. Then it melted into the cloud. A few minutes later the beam reappeared, but pointing in the opposite direction. He contacted the *Lancashire Evening Telegraph* in Blackburn, who 'suggested' it was a laser show in Blackpool (30 miles away). Unhappy with this he checked and Blackpool had no lasers in use. However, the *Telegraph* (27th) and *Bolton Evening News* (30th) DID agree on a different answer. It WAS a laser show, but a publicity stunt for a new shopping centre near Preston. Store logos and cartoon characters (eg Bugs Bunny) were being reflected off cloud... No UFO... That's all folks.

The Sunderland Sightings

Some reports just in from Jim Ross on recent goings on in Tyne & Wear, where there seems to have been a November 1987 flap.

One sighting, reported by 61 year old Mrs F, concerned a "white blob" seen pacing alongside an aircraft heading into the airport. Investigation by Jim revealed that Mrs F had failing eyesight and the blob was just the 'trailing edge strobe light' on the aircraft. (Case 8739, Unknown November date, 20.30 hrs)

Jim has closed his enquiries on Case 8727 (see last NUN). He put a press story in the *Sunderland Echo* but no confirmatory witnesses came about. He can find no evidence that the two women (who reported a disc with a ring of lights) saw an aircraft. But cannot check the option as they do not know the exact date.

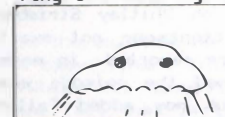
Case 8740 IS dated (26 November 1987) and came from the above press story. It concerns 38 year old housewife, Mrs L, of Pennywell, Sunderland. At 21.45 hrs she saw a huge array of three lights (a red central pulsing one and two steady orange ones either side) that hovered in a gap between houses. She called her husband, son, daughter and brother and they all saw it too- for about a minute- when it sank down towards the ground silently. They think the lights (the width of a house) were much too big to be on an aircraft.

CASE HISTORIES

THE GREAT AUGUST WAVE (Part 3)

We move on now to Monday August 17, where the wave continued with an impressive case from Crakemash, Staffs, just north of Uttoxeter and close to the Abbots Bromley location of the case a month later.

Two witnesses, Mr and Mrs R, were driving back to Uttoxeter when they saw a "ring of white lights" in the distance (east) past the River Dove. From this "pie



shape", dimly seen behind, there emerged a rotating beam of white light, like a searchlight beacon. They stopped the car and switched off the engine, but despite the quietness of the surroundings could hear nothing. Set inside the dome were two lights (one green, one amber/brown). The object was visible in the distance for about 20 minutes. David Clarke and Andy Roberts visited the site with the witnesses and consider this one of the best reported of the dozens of LITS and more interesting cases in the wave, made by very impressive witnesses.

Around midnight that same night, according to a report from Geoff Bird, a group of "New Age type people" had an encounter. (Geoff met them whilst doing some stone circle radiation monitoring in Shropshire). The bunch had been engaged in a "Hopi type ritual" (remember the end of the world prophecy for the previous weekend- see Parts 1 and 2). They were at Mitchells Fold on the Wales/Shropshire border "cleansing the earth and performing rites for harmonic conversion" (there is more- something to do with the Aztec God Quetzacoatl, but I think you've heard enough!). Apparently the phenomena they saw lasted 30 minutes and was over towards the Berwyn Mountains (scene of the famous 'explosion' and UFO crash' of February 1974).

The group saw balls of light, columns and 'laser shows' forming "crosses in the sky" (It should be noted that RAF and army exercises are very common in the area). Allegedly lights shot out from the stone circle at various times too (although Geoff and his team made recordings immediately after and found nothing

odd). During the affair "two men in blue short-sleeved shirts and blue baseball caps" turned up. They watched the light show and took readings with a geiger counter and then left.

Geoff says the "New age people seemed sensible. They were anti-drug and reluctant to go public because they fear the site will be invaded by others" (The police apparently did turn up to throw Geoff and his team off, soon afterwards!) He thinks they saw meteors, were pumped up by all the "dancing and chanting" (!) they were doing and can found no evidence for earthlights. Keel University recorded no seismic activity and weather records from the local RAF base showed no temperature inversions or electric storms.

Meanwhile, someone else was in North Wales that night. Mr B, from Warrington, Peter Hough investigated his story. He was sleeping in his car in a car park at Conway between 04.00 and 05.00 and looking east (towards the above location although 50 miles or more away). He saw a series of white "stars" manoeuvring about the sky very fast. He was positive they were not aircraft as they moved in erratic fashion.

In the final part next issue we will round off the wave with three more cases; including a CE 3 from Lancashire and a photographic one from Leicester.

A little too much cinnamon MUFORA/IUN report

Case 8804 13 February 1988 Clayton-Le-Moors, Lancashire Level A SP 9-1

The story so far: Lucious Denver socialite Fallon Carrington Colby (who changes face, voice, hair colour etc with regularity and has even become British all of a sudden) has been kidnapped by aliens. Sadly they brought her back and just as we thought 'The Colby's' had gone to that great soap opera in the sky (*Angels?*), she is in sister programme 'Dynasty' explaining what the nasty leathery aliens did to her (aside from cost the producers half a million dollars to film a dinky toy car on a plywood sheet with plastic trees and a Spielberg reject UFO).

Right- we can begin. The TV episode was heavily based on Whitley Strieber's *Communion* (even to the point of aliens smelling like cinnamon- not exactly common, since rotten eggs and other more noxious odours are reported in normal cases). On Friday, 12 February (8.10 to 9pm) BBC-1 screened the episode where *Dynasty* re-ran the abduction for the zillionth time but now added Fallon's dramatic revelations about an intimate medical exam by the spicely ufonauts.

Viewing figures show that about 9 million British people tuned in - so stand by for an invasion of ponging aliens looking like wrinkled prunes. Guess what? Early next morning our old friend Ray Broderick called me. A neighbour and friend, name of Mrs B, HAD seen the show. It helped her recognise what took place in her bedroom just six hours after 'The Nine O'Clock News' took over from *Dynasty* with its own brand of soap. (Further hint- *Dynasty* is very good at helping you recognise all kinds of strange things that you never knew went on in bedrooms)

You see, Mrs B had really been kidnapped by leathery aliens who smelt like cinnamon. At least, so Ray Broderick advised me. She was in real distress and could I get someone over to see her immediately.

To be fair, at the time this did pose a dilemma. The details offered were exactly like the 'Dynasty' episode screened the night before (which I had watched but Ray had not). I found it very hard to take the case seriously. Yet Ray was adamant that Mrs B was deeply and genuinely distressed.

As I was told about 8am that morning, she had been taken from her bed around 02.30 by two men in silver suits with black visors. They used telepathy and she was lead up a ramp into the UFO, through a door that slid aside with flashing lights. Inside she was put on a table and examined by the leathery cinnamon beings. Later she felt sore in her private parts. I suggested she should see a doctor as soon as possible but I would do what I could. The woman had prior psychic experiences, but felt sure seeing *Dynasty* has nothing to do with it.

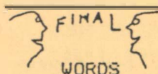
After several fruitless calls to MUFORA members (who were not willing to go to Accrington that morning) I contacted Philip Mantle and Rodney Howarth (who was the closest investigator to Mrs B). I fully explained the situation and strongly suggested that Philip not waste time making the long trek until Rodney had paid a visit. He might well feel, as I did, that there were just far too many small connections with the televised abduction for it to be irrelevant. (For instance, the ramp, sliding doors and flashing lights round the door- all very untypical of real cases but found in Fallon's story; not to mention the smell of cinnamon etc). On 17 February Andy Roberts sent a transcript of an interview made by himself, Philip Mantle and Rodney Howarth (all of whom visited the witness with Ray Broderick on Sunday, 14 February). Andy said: "it seems like a cautionary tale regarding watching US soaps" and added further detailed analysis that is pertinent but confidential. Suffice it to say, he argued that the woman WAS sincere. I DID believe her experience, but reminded it began in bed and concluded with her back in bed. This all suggested a lucid dream based on *Dynasty*. He did not recommend further action unless the GP turned something up, although Mrs B was reluctant to see one. From what I knew I could hardly dispute this conclusion.

The transcript adds valuable new details. A tube in her arm for samples. A large light passed over her body. The speaking of a strange name "something about Ger...Gerard, it was funny" and a final promise "we will be back 1-5-0 light years". All quite typical fare of 'real' abductions AND YET some details were NOT in *Dynasty* but ARE similar to those found in certain UK or Budd Hopkins cases. Pause for breath! Perhaps the most interesting are the gynaecological details.

In the examination they had "shackled my legs up like, you know, when you're having a baby... (Then) a long, thin thing with the light came over me". Later one entity (which was about 5' 2" tall) said "She's been done". This seemingly referred to the fact that in 1978 Mrs B had been sterilized! After the exam and probe she heard one say to her: "Now you will be able to have a baby".

Upon waking that morning she felt sick (later vomited), and sore. She had three puncture marks on her arm where she said the tube was stuck. A white fluid ("like shaving foam") emerged from her vagina for several hours and Mrs Broderick saw this. She adds that Mrs B was red and raw. IF true (and there is no reason to believe otherwise) the witness has never read a UFO book. Yet these details are not from a family show like *Dynasty*! Of course, as a friend of the Brodericks she did know of Ray's deep interest in the subject.

However, disaster struck two weeks later. Philip Mantle gave an interview to the *Sunday Sport* (a UK rag which makes the *National Enquirer* look like the *New York Times*). He was, of course, woefully misquoted. "I had sex with alien toyboys" screamed the headline. Fortunately it did not name Mrs B but in lurid detail told of "a bizarre sexual ritual" and made a few jokes whilst basically giving the story straight. There was no mention of *Dynasty*, naturally. Philip was quoted as saying: "There was medical evidence that she had been interfered with. We are waiting to put this lady under hypnosis and believe she had some sort of sexual intercourse with them..." I gather this is NOT quite a true position statement.



SUPPORT TELETHON UFO

On Bank Holiday weekend, Sunday 29 May/ Monday 30 May, ITV are staging a 27 hour marathon TV extravaganza to earn money for charity. All normal programming is suspended. Many celebrities will be taking part. And you can help too!

IUN and MUFORA are organising events to allow ufology to do its bit.

IUN (address below, phone 0924-444049) is coordinating a "sponsored skywatch" on the West Yorkshire moors near Bradford. Who knows what they might see and record. But most important YOU can pledge your money to them, at so much an hour, to stick it out the whole two days. Good luck to the hardy souls!

MUFORA were planning a mass 'come and watch the skies' event, under supervision. However, many factors intruded. Not least Granada TV's plans to send it up by having through the night live broadcasts! But fear not. Something terrific is taking its place. (for details, MUFORA address below, phone 0942-604265)

We have agreed a mutual two day package with one of Britain's leading tourist attractions, the world famous astronomy and science centre at Jodrell Bank near Goostrey, Macclesfield, Cheshire. The events will run during normal opening hours on the Sunday and Monday (from 10.30 am to 5.30 pm)

This is a major first in cooperation between science and British ufology and we hope to have some TV stars dropping in too. All the usual Jodrell attractions will be open (static and moving exhibits, holographs, tune into the sun by working a real radio telescope dish, planetarium shows and much more). There is a one off admission (with reductions for children and OAPs) and full car parking and dining facilities. Jodrell are even donating part of your entrance fee to Telethon IF you come in fancy dress on the UFO theme! (Call Jodrell 0477-71339)

UFO Events that definitely will be staged (planning is still ongoing) include illustrated lectures (1pm both days in the planetarium), question and answer sessions by the giant radio telescope, 'surgeries' for witnesses to report sightings in confidence, a ufology exhibition in the visitors centre and UFO quizzes and competitions. (These and the lectures will raise the Telethon money - but we'll be going round collecting too - so have some spare cash handy!)

Why not make a day of it - and support BOTH these worthy events.

SOME SAD NEWS JUST IN AS WE GO TO PRESS IS THAT CORAL LORENZON DIED ON 12 APRIL FROM NATURAL CAUSES. ANOTHER OF UFOLOGY'S GREAT PIONEERS TAKEN FROM US.

CALENDAR

21 May (2pm) BUFORA Investigations Meeting (CUFOSC address, Crewe, see below) All groups or serious investigators welcome to send representatives and come along
 Last BUFORA lecture of season at London Business School, near Baker St, 6.30 pm
4 June Martin Shough on "The reality of the UFO phenomenon"

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